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PRESIDENT: We left 894 I think this morning on Select File. There there is another amendment pending is there not? Read the motion on the desk again please.

CLERK: Well, the motion is to take 302 after 894. It's just unanimous consent, which would be the proper order under the rules.

PRESIDENT: Well, I think the Chair can eliminate the motion by saying that the Chair will take the position that that's the next bill that should be debated on..or should be considered on Select File anyway after 894, because that's really where we should gone this morning when we sent to Select File. So the Chair will assume the responsibility for that and if anybody want to challenge it, that we will take up in a minute. But in the meantime let's finish the debate then on 894. Chair understands there is one more motion...

CLERK: O.K. Mr. President LB894, the E & R amendments were adopted. There are two Whitney amendments that were adopted. There is now a DeCamp amendment to the Whitney amendment, which would be as follows. Well I think you had earlier ruled. He reads to amend the Whitney motion. And I think you ruled that out of order, so it simply is to add a new section as follows. And then to appropriate \$650,000 to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds for Irrigation and Conservation Development.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well then I have to ask unanimous consent to amend that slightly. It's not an amendment to an amendment. So the amendment would read to reinsert the language stricken by the Whitney amendment and then add this additional language.

PRESIDENT: O.K. Stand by we will get that noted down here. Why don't you go ahead and talk about it.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, Mr. President. I repeat there are about a half a billion dollars worth of lands. And there have not been definitive procedures, business like procedures set up for handling these lands throughout their hundred year history. We have now reached a point where procedures have been adopted and are being used in a business like way, but most of them are not sanctioned by law. In to.. in other words, things are being done that need to be done, but are not approved by law. Now one of the problems with the new business like procedures is that they are getting full rental value for the land. For example, last year or before the increase in rental. The state realized about three million dollars from the land. This year with the rental increases and with the new business procedures, they will get somewhere, with the bonus bidding and everything, close to nine million from the latest figures I've seen. That's quite a bit more, as you can see. O.K. this money is distributed on a per capita basis to the school children of the state. So obviously, probably the biggest beneficiaries of the increased return and the school lands are those areas that have the most children, from Omaha and Lincoln. They can look forward therefore, to doubling or almost tripling of the amount they will be receiving from the school land. Now, the problem is, in adopting these new procedures, that are not at this point sanctioned by law. One other element comes into play, and that is if you are going